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SUBJECT: GOK REQUESTS USG INFLUENCE TO ASSURE EVACUATION OF

TELL-AL-ZAATAR

1. NUA ACTING UNDERSEC ABDULLA AL-ANSARI SUMMONED ME 10:00 A.M. AUGUST 3 TO CONVEY FORMAL GOK REQUEST THAT USG USE ALL ITS INFLUENCE WITH "LEBANESE IN EASTERN BEIRUT" SO THAT RED CROSS EVACUATION OF WOUNDED FROM TELL AL-ZAATAR MAY BE SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT. HE STRESSED HUMANITARIAN NATURE OF REQUEST.

2. I RESPONDED THAT USG HAS CONTINUOUSLY SUPPORTED ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS HUMANITARIAN ACTION BUT THAT THERE HAVE BEEN LIMITATIONS ON INFLUENCE WE COULD EXERT. I NOTED VOA RADIO REPORTS THIS MORNING THAT PHALANGISTS HAVE AGREED TO LET EVACUATION TAKE PLACE TODAY BUT ASSURED HIM THAT, IN VIEW OF GOK REQUEST, USG WOULD CONTINUE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ACHIEVE THIS HUMANITARIAN GOAL.

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3. ANSARI SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAD HEARD LAST NIGHT OF PHALANGIST AGREEMENT BUT WAS TAKING ADDED PRECAUTION OF ASKING US TO HELP IN VIEW OF THE BREAKDOWN OF SO MANY PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS TO SAME EFFECT. I SAID I ASSUMED GOK WOULD MAKE SAME POINTS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS WITH MORE INFLUENCE IN THIS MATTER, SUCH AS THE SYRIANS.

4. ANSARI SAID GOK IS DOING EVERYTHING IT CAN BUT WAS ESPECIALLY ASKING FOR USG ASSISTANCE BECAUSE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHED TO PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENTS IN MIDDLE EAST AND ON BASIS OF DEEP, FRIENDLY GOK/USG RELATIONSHIP.

5. COMMENT: I UNDERSTAND FRENCH CHARGE' WAS SUMMONED TO 11:00 A.M. MEETING WITH SAME OFFICIAL, PRESUMABLY ON SAME SUBJECT. IT WOULD APPEAR GOK BELIEVES THAT WE AND THE FRENCH ENERT THE

NECESSARY INFLUENCE TO KEEP LEBANESE CHRISTIANS IN LINE.
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